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FACTS & FIGURES
2003 Drunk & Drugged Driving (3D) Prevention Month

IMPAIRED DRIVING FACTS & FIGURES

National 2002 Crash Statistics *

17,419 people were killed and **258,000** people were injured in alcohol-related crashes nationwide.

Last year alcohol was involved in **41 percent** of all fatal crashes.

Approximately **three** in every **10** Americans will be involved in an alcohol-related crash during their lifetime.

In 2002, there was **one** alcohol-related fatality every **30** minutes.

California 2002 Crash Statistics**

1,411 people were killed and **32,041** were injured in alcohol-related crashes in California.

Alcohol involved traffic fatalities increased **7.9 percent** in 2002 - the fourth consecutive increase after more than a decade of decline.

There were **1,269** alcohol-involved fatal collisions and **20,735** alcohol-involved injury collisions statewide.

DUI arrests in California increased by **3.7 percent** in 2002.

The average age of an arrested DUI offender was **34** years of age.

September 12, 2000, marked the first day California was without a traffic fatality since May 1, 1991.

**National statistics are based on FARS 2002 Early Assessment of Motor Vehicle Crashes, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).*

***California statistics are based on California Highway Patrol 2002 provisional data and Department of Motor Vehicles 2002-DUI MIS Report.*